United States District Court
Southern District of Texas

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March 16, 2016

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

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| PABLO LUCIO VASQUEZ                  | 8        |          | MAR 1 6 2016   |
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| V.                                   | 8        | M-10-113 |                |
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|                                      | §        |          |                |
| WILLIAM STEPHENS, Director           | §        |          |                |
| Texas Department of Criminal Justice | §        |          |                |
| Correctional Institutions Division   | §        |          |                |
| Respondent                           | §        |          |                |
|                                      | ORDER    |          |                |

Pablo Lucio Vasquez is a Texas death row inmate. He is scheduled for execution on April 6, 2016.

On March 16, 2016, Vasquez filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus raising a single claim: that the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments bar his execution because he is mentally ill. Vasquez also filed a motion for a stay of execution, and a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The time sensitive nature of this matter requires an expedited briefing schedule. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. # 2) is GRANTED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent William Stephens shall respond to Vasquez' petition by March 18, 2016; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner may reply to the response by March 21, 2016.

The clerk of the Court is to forward a copy of this Order by any receipted means to all parties of record.

McAllen, Texas March 16, 2016

Dorina Ramos

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE